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DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES.

WHEREAS, In the natural development of capitalism, the class struggle between the privileged few and the disinherited masses, which is the inevitable and irrepressible outcome of the wage system, has reached a point where the old forms, methods and spirit of labor organization are absolutely impotent to resist the aggressions of concentrated capital, sustained by all the agencies of government, and to effect any permanent improvement in the condition of the wage earners, or even to arrest for any length of time their steady and general degradation; and

WHEREAS, The economic power of the capitalist class, used by that class for the oppression of labor, rests upon institutions essentially political, which in the nature of things cannot be radically changed, or even slightly amended for the benefit of the working people, except through the direct action of the working people themselves, economically and politically united as a class:

THEREFORE, It is as a class, conscious of its strength, aware of its rights, determined to resist wrong at every step and sworn to achieve its own emancipation, that the wage

workers are hereby called upon to unite in a solid body, held together by an unconquerable spirit of solidarity under the most trying conditions of the present class struggle. As members of the Socialist Trade and Labor Alliance of the United States and Canada, we shall constantly keep in view its great object, namely: The summary ending of that barbarous struggle at the earliest possible time by the abolition of classes, the restoration of the land and of all the means of production, transportation and distribution to the people as a collective body, and the substitution of the Co-operative Commonwealth for the present state of planless production, industrial war and social disorder; a commonwealth in which every worker shall have the free exercise and full benefit of his faculties, multiplied by all the modern factors of civilization.



CONSTITUTION.

Article I.—NAME.

§ 1. This body shall be known as the SOCIALIST TRADE & LABOR ALLIANCE OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

Article II.—OBJECTS.

The objects of the Socialist Trade and Labor Alliance are:

- a) To propagate, through agitation and education, the principles and aims of the Socialist Trade and Labor Alliance; to thus induce the adoption of the said principles by bodies of organized labor which are still governed in their action by the tenets or traditions of the "Old Unionism Pure and Simple"; to organize into local and district alliances all the wage workers, skilled or unskilled.
- b) To strengthen the affiliated bodies—local, national and international—by assisting them in extending their membership.
- c) To give them moral and financial support in their efforts to organize labor in their respective trades or localities, and also in their respective struggles with the capitalist class and the powers at its command.
- d) To further the political movement of the working class and its development on the lines of International Socialism as represented on this continent by the Socialist Labor Party.
- e) To establish friendly relations and, wherever practicable,

able, co-operate with other bodies of organized labor in this and other countries.

Article III.—MANAGEMENT.

§ 1. The affairs of the Socialist Trade and Labor Alliance are conducted by the convention, the General Executive Board, the District Alliances and the Local Alliances.

Article IV.—CONVENTIONS.

§ 1. The Convention of the Socialist Trade and Labor Alliance shall be held annually and open on the first Monday in December. Place of holding the same to be selected by the preceding Convention, subject to a change by general vote.

§ 2. Conventions shall consist of delegates elected on the following basis of representation: One delegate from every District Alliance, and one additional delegate for every 200 members or major fraction thereof in good standing, according to the quarterly financial report ending June 30th.

§ 3. Delegates shall be nominated by the respective District Alliances, and the nominations referred to a general vote of the Local Alliances attached thereto. Any member of an organization affiliated with a District Alliance shall be eligible as delegate.

§ 4. Isolated Local Alliances shall be entitled to representation upon the same basis as District Alliances; several Local Alliances may unite for the purpose of choosing a delegation.

§ 5. The national organization of the Socialist Labor Party of the United States and the Socialist Labor Party of Canada shall be entitled to three delegates each.

§ 6. Delegates to the annual Conventions of the Socialist Trade and Labor Alliance shall be nominated, elected and

reported to the General Executive Board on or before the 20th day of August of each year.

§ 7. Each delegate shall have only one vote, and no delegate shall be admitted unless he is a member in good standing of the organization with which he is affiliated.

Article V.—GENERAL OFFICERS.

§ 1. The annual Convention shall elect by a majority vote a General Executive Board, which shall consist of a General Secretary, a General Treasurer and five other members. All members in good standing of any Local Alliance or of any affiliated Section or Branch of the Socialist Labor Party shall be eligible, provided they reside in such proximity to the headquarters of the Socialist Trade and Labor Alliance that they can attend the meetings of the Board without loss of working time. The Convention shall at the same time determine the salaries of the general officers.

§ 2. The duties of the General Secretary are:

He shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the Convention, make to the Convention a complete statement of the condition of the Socialist Trade and Labor Alliance, and a summary of the official acts of the General Executive Board during the year; he shall conduct the correspondence of the Socialist Trade and Labor Alliance, shall keep a record of the names, numbers, dates of admission and location of all District and Local Alliances, shall have charge of the seal, books and papers belonging to the Socialist Trade and Labor Alliance, shall prepare and furnish to the District and Local Alliances all supplies authorized by the Convention or the General Executive Board, but shall furnish no supplies

until the money for the same has been received, shall keep a correct account between the General Executive Board and all Local and District Alliances, shall present to the Convention a full and correct statement of the amount of money received during the year and receive all moneys paid to the General Executive Board, and weekly turn the same over to the General Treasurer, taking receipt of the same; at the end of his term of office he shall turn over to his successor in office all books, funds or other property of Socialist Trade and Labor Alliance, and shall perform such other duties as the constitution or the General Executive Board may direct. He shall be required to give security in the sum of five hundred dollars.

§ 3. The duties of the General Treasurer shall be:

He shall receive weekly from the General Secretary all moneys paid to the Socialist Trade and Labor Alliance, and deposit the same in one or more banks, as directed by the General Executive Board, shall pay all bills and drafts ordered by the General Executive Board, shall render once a month to the General Executive Board a statement of all receipts and expenditures for the preceding month, shall render to the Convention a full and correct account of the moneys received and expended during the year, shall keep in separate items an account of moneys received and expended and for what purpose; at the end of his term he shall turn over to his successor in office all books, funds or other property of the Socialist Trade and Labor Alliance, and shall perform such duties as the Constitution or the General Executive Board may direct. He shall be required to give security in the sum of \$1,000.

§ 4. The functions of the General Executive Board shall be:

- a) To carry into effect the objects of the Socialist Trade and Labor Alliance, as set forth in Article II.
- b) To execute the orders and resolutions of the Convention.
- c) To appoint General Organizers.
- d) To settle all differences arising between the affiliated District Alliances; or between organizations belonging to the same District Alliance if a settlement cannot be reached by the said District Alliance; also to decide appeals of Local Alliances against the decisions of District Alliances.

The decision of the Board shall be final, unless an appeal be taken to the next Convention.

- e) To endorse, levy or raise a boycott on the request of a District Alliance, provided a majority of the Local Alliances affiliated with said District Alliance have approved the request of the District Alliance.
- f) To assist any affiliated organization in any strike or lockout, or in settling the same, when requested to do so by such organization.
- g) To take steps for the raising of funds for the assistance of any affiliated organization by subscriptions, entertainments, or otherwise, except by assessment.
- h) To issue charters to District and Local Alliances, and fix the jurisdiction of District Alliances.
- i) To furnish the Local Alliances with semi-annual financial reports.

§ 5. The General Executive Board shall, on the issuance of a call for the election of delegates to the annual Convention, appoint six District Alliances in five different States, none of

whose members are eligible to representation on the General Executive Board, to each designate one of its delegates to the Convention to act as a member of the Finance and the Credential Committees. Said Committees shall meet with the General Secretary at the seat of the Convention one day prior to the date set for opening the Convention, and at once audit the accounts and prepare the Credential report; the expenses of the General Secretary and the expenses, excluding travel, of the members of the committees for said day to be paid out of the general treasury.

§ 6. The finance officers shall present complete reports at said meeting of the Finance Committee, the General Treasurer transmitting his reports and accounts by the General Secretary. The report of the committee shall be ready for presentation to the Convention at its opening session.

§ 7. Vacancies arising in the General Executive Board shall be filled by the District Alliances located in such proximity to the headquarters of the Socialist Trade and Labor Alliance, that the delegates can attend without loss of working time; a joint session to be called for such purpose by the General Executive Board.

§ 8. The General Executive Board may formulate rules and by-laws for its own government, provided such rules and by-laws do not conflict with this constitution.

GENERAL ORGANIZERS.

§ 9. The General Executive Board may appoint General Organizers in any locality they may deem advisable.

General Organizers working in a locality covered by a District Alliance shall be under the direction of the District Or-

ganizer and shall obey his instructions in connection with those of the General Executive Board.

All commissions issued prior to the Convention shall expire on the following 31st of December, or sooner if annulled by the General Executive Board.

Every General Organizer shall, upon organizing a Local Alliance, immediately forward notice thereof to the General Secretary upon the Organizers report blank; he shall also forward a duplicate report to the District Organizer. Any neglect of this provision will be cause for the revoking of the organizer's commission.

General Organizers must transmit weekly to the General Executive Board a report of their work and account of all moneys they receive and disburse in connection with the organizing work.

The General Executive Board shall provide such rules for the guidance and instruction of General Organizers as from time to time they may deem necessary.

Article VI.—REVENUE.

§ 1. The regular revenue of the Socialist Trade and Labor Alliance shall be derived as follows:

- a) From charters, at the rate of \$3.00 for Local Alliances and \$5.00 for District Alliances.
- b) From dues, at the rate of five cents per month from each member of the Local Alliances holding charters.
- c) From the sale of membership cards, constitutions, leaflets, etc.
- d) From an annual mileage tax of five cents per member payable according to the quarterly report ending

June 30th of each year, the same to be receipted for by a special due stamp provided for that purpose. The General Executive Board shall apportion the Mileage fund upon the basis of an equal percentage to every delegate.

§ 2. All Local Alliances shall use uniform membership cards furnished by the General Executive Board, dues to be receipted upon the same with stamps issued by the General Executive Board in denominations of one and one quarter cent for weekly stamps and five cents for monthly stamps. Local Alliances affiliated with a District Alliance shall purchase due stamps, supplies, etc., through the District Alliance, unattached Local Alliance shall purchase direct from the General Executive Board.

§ 3. Local Alliances shall be required to make quarterly triplicate reports on blanks furnished by the General Executive Board, and send two copies promptly to the District Organizer, who shall at once forward one copy to the General Executive Board.

§ 4. Any Local Alliance neglecting to file the quarterly reports within 40 days after the end of the quarter, shall be suspended.

Article VII.—GENERAL LAWS.

§ 1. Any organization seeking affiliation with the Socialist Trade and Labor Alliance of the United States and Canada shall, with its application, present to the General Executive Board a certificate, showing that it accepts the principles of the said Alliance and agrees to comply with its Constitution, Rules, Regulations and all lawful decisions. The Board may

thereupon, by a majority vote, issue a charter to said organization, on payment of the charter fee provided in Article VI.

§ 2. Any affiliated organization, or any officer thereof, that may endorse or in any way support any political party, or any candidate of any political party, other than the Socialist Labor Party, shall be expelled by the General Executive Board.

§ 3. Any member of the Socialist Trade and Labor Alliance who accepts nomination for office from any political party except the Socialist Labor Party shall be immediately dropped from the roll of membership.

§ 4. No person expelled from the Socialist Labor Party shall be a member of the Socialist Trade and Labor Alliance.

§ 5. Whenever a District or Local Alliance for any cause whatever may lapse, all its property shall forthwith be turned over to the General Executive Board.

§ 6. A general vote may be taken upon motion of the General Executive Board or upon the motion of three District Alliances, or of fifteen Local Alliances of at least three different trades and District Alliances.

§ 7. General votes shall be taken by membership; each member in good standing being entitled to vote.

§ 8. All amendments to the constitution shall be sent to the General Executive Board not later than 60 days before the opening of the Convention, and the General Executive Board shall submit a copy of all such amendments to the Locals and Districts not later than 30 days before the Convention opens.

§ 9. Any District or Local Alliance may, when there is business of a nature making the presence of visitors inadvisable, go into executive session, and, while such business is

under consideration, exclude from its meeting-room all visiting members.

§ 10. No member of a suspended or expelled Local Alliance shall be allowed on the floor of a Local or District Alliance without the consent of the Local or District signified by three-fourths vote of the members present.



ORDER OF BUSINESS

OF THE CONVENTION OF THE SOCIALIST TRADE
AND LABOR ALLIANCE.

1. Called to order by the General Secretary.
2. Election of temporary Chairman and Vice-Chairman.
3. Report of Committee on Credentials.
4. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the day.
5. Appointment of standing Committees as follows:
On Distribution, on Law, on Appeals and Grievances,
on State of the Organization.
6. Report of General Secretary, General Treasurer and General Executive Board.
7. Reports of Committees appointed at the previous Convention of the Socialist Trade and Labor Alliance.
8. Introduction of documents and resolutions by representatives under roll call of District Alliances and Local Alliances.
9. Report of standing Committees.
10. Report of special Committees.
11. New or unfinished business.
12. Election of officers.
13. Installation of officers.
14. Adjournment.



DISTRICT ALLIANCES.

Article VIII.—COMPOSITION AND MEETINGS.

§ 1. Whenever three Local Alliances shall have been chartered in close proximity to each other, they shall constitute a District Alliance. Every Local Alliance shall be represented in the District Alliance by three delegates. The local Section of the Socialist Labor Party shall be entitled to the same representation, without holding a charter. Where there is more than one Section within the jurisdiction of a District Alliance they shall jointly send a delegation of three.

§ 2. District Alliances shall hold regular meetings at least once a month, unless the Locals are located at such a distance that it would be too expensive for the delegates to attend; in such case the District shall meet at such other intervals as may be more convenient with the consent of the General Executive Board.

§ 3. The financial obligations of Sections of the Socialist Labor Party to the District Alliance with which they are affiliated, shall be determined by agreement between such District Alliance and Section, but no obligation shall be imposed upon any Section of the Socialist Labor Party that will amount to an obstacle to such affiliation.

Article IX.—DISTRICT OFFICERS, COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES.

§ 1. District Alliances shall elect the following officers and committees: A District Organizer, a Recording Secretary, a Financial Secretary, a Treasurer and a Sergeant-at-arms, an

Auditing and an Agitation Committee; also such other officers and committees as the District Alliance may deem fit.

ORGANIZER.

§ 2. The District Organizer shall act as corresponding secretary; shall supervise all agitation; shall, in case of necessity, call special meetings of the District and District Committees, and he shall be kept informed on all matters pertaining to the Socialist Trade and Labor Alliance in his District. He shall organize new Locals and conduct such other business as may be assigned to him by the District. At the end of his term of office he shall turn over to his successor all books and other property of the District that he may have in his possession.

RECORDING SECRETARY.

§ 3. The District Recording Secretary shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of each meeting, and record the financial statement at the close of each meeting; he shall perform such other duties as the District may assign to him, and at the end of his term of office he shall turn over to his successor all books and property that he may have in his possession.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY.

§ 4. The Financial Secretary shall keep a correct record of all moneys received; he shall buy all stamps ordered by the District and dispose of the same to the Local Alliances. He shall receive all moneys due the District and turn the same over to the Treasurer and take receipt therefor; he shall render a quarterly report of the receipts to the District and

Local Alliances; he shall also report the standing of all affiliated Local Alliances to the General Secretary at the end of each quarter, and perform such other duties as the District may decide. At the end of his term of office he shall turn over to his successor all books and other property of the District that may be in his possession.

TREASURER.

§ 5. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys from the Financial Secretary and give receipt therefor; he shall pay all bills ordered by the District; he shall submit a quarterly report of all receipts and expenses, and at the end of his term of office he shall turn over to his successor all books and other property of the District.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.

§ 6. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall examine all due books and report to the Chairman, should he find any one present not entitled to sit during the session; and perform such other duties as may be assigned to him.

AGITATION COMMITTEE.

§ 7. The Agitation Committee shall assist the Organizer in arranging all agitation in the jurisdiction of the District.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

§ 8. The Auditing Committee shall examine the books and all financial reports of the District officers and Committees and submit their report on the same in writing.

Article X.—DISTRICT LAWS.

§ 1. District Alliances shall be the highest authority within their jurisdiction and shall adopt By-laws for their own government not in conflict with this Constitution, within 90 days after their formation; same to be subject to the approval for the General Executive Board.

§ 2. Each District Alliance shall be required to subscribe for and keep on file a copy of the official organ of the Socialist Trade and Labor Alliance.

§ 3. It shall be the duty of the District Organizer to collect the property of any lapsed Local Alliance attached to the District Alliance.

§ 4. Whenever a lapsed Local Alliance is reorganized, the District Organizer shall, after the officers are installed, deliver to the Local Organizer all property held in trust for such Local Alliance.

§ 5. Should the District Organizer be unable to reorganize a lapsed Local within three months, he shall forward all property to the General Secretary.

§ 6. All District and isolated Local Alliances shall report in writing to the annual Convention of the Socialist Trade and Labor Alliance a summary of their work during the year.

§ 7. All Local Alliances must submit their grievances to the District, to which they are attached for investigation, and the decision of the District shall be final. Should a Local Alliance persist and take action by going on strike, such Local or Locals shall be suspended or expelled at the discretion of the District.

§ 8. Whenever a District or isolated Local Alliance ap-

peals for financial assistance all moneys must be forwarded direct to the District or Local secretary.

§ 9. District and isolated Local Alliances shall submit weekly to the General Executive Board an itemized statement of all moneys received on an appeal, and the General Executive Board shall have the same published in the official organ, "The Weekly People".

Article XI.—OBLIGATION FOR OFFICERS.

§ 1. Every general officer, every member of the General Executive Board, every officer of an affiliated organization, and every delegate to a District Alliance or Convention of the Socialist Trade and Labor Alliance, shall, upon entering his functions, take the following pledge, which shall be read to him and subscribed by him:

"I regard it as a sacred duty of every laboring man, and especially of any one who is trusted by his fellow wage-workers with a mission or position in the class struggle, to sever his affiliations, direct or indirect, with political parties of the capitalist class. I solemnly pledge my word and honor, that I shall obey the Constitution, rules and regulations of the Socialist Trade and Labor Alliance of the United States and Canada, and that, keeping always in view its fundamental principles and final aims, I shall to the best of my ability perform the task assigned to me."

§ 2. In any locality or trade, the conditions of which are such that affiliation of a worker with a labor organization might, if known, expose him to capitalist persecution of any sort, the General Executive Board may authorize secrecy, consisting in a solemn pledge taken by each member of the

Local Alliance so situated, not to reveal at any time, or to anyone other than the General officers in their official capacity, the name of any of his fellow-members, or the proceedings of his Local Alliance. Visiting comrades shall not be admitted at the meetings of such secret Alliances without a special card issued by the General Executive Board, and the pledge of secrecy shall likewise be taken by them; but they shall be freely admitted at the meetings of all the open Alliances upon showing their membership cards. The general officers and duly accredited general organizers shall at all times have free access to the meetings, books and documents of every affiliated organization, whether secret or open, so that they may strictly, fully and equally perform their duties and enforce the general laws under all circumstances. District officers shall have the same privileges in their constituency.

PLEDGE FOR LOCALS WORKING SECRETLY.

I, (name) do hereby pledge my word and honor not to reveal the name of any member, or the proceedings of the meeting of this Local Alliance, and I am fully conscious of the heinousness of the crime I would commit; should I, under any circumstances break this, my obligation.

Article XII.—CHARGES, TRIALS AND APPEALS.

§ 1. All charges must be preferred in writing in duplicate form.

§ 2. Charges must specifically state offense, time and place of same, and must be signed by member or members making the charge.

§ 3. The charges shall be read at the meeting of the Local or District of which the accused is a member.

§ 4. If the accused is present at the meeting at which the charges are read, he shall be served with a copy of the same. In the event of accused being absent the Organizer shall send to his or their last known address by registered mail a copy of the charges attested by seal of the Local or District, also notice to appear and answer the charges on a date not less than seven (7) and not more than thirty (30) days from date of meeting at which charges were read, whereupon a trial shall take place.

§ 5. The body trying the charges shall at the time specified for trial proceed with the investigation in open meeting. After a full hearing of the testimony of both sides the body shall proceed to vote by ballot on the charges preferred.

§ 6. In the event of the charges being sustained by a majority vote of the members present, accused and prosecutor shall retire; after which the body shall determine by vote the punishment to be imposed on the accused.

§ 7. The decision of the body in all cases must be published in the official organ of the Socialist Trade and Labor Alliance in the earliest issue than can be reached.

§ 8. Any member notified to appear for trial and failing to appear shall be suspended and the case declared against him by default.

§ 9. Any member found guilty by trial shall not be entitled to any benefits or privileges until the terms of the decision rendered against him shall have been complied with.

§ 10. Appeals shall be taken to the next superior body, i.e.,

from the Local to the District, to the General Executive Board and finally to the Convention. While appeals are pending the appellant shall be excluded from all meetings of Local or District Alliances.

§ 11. All appeals must be filed within ten (10) days after the decision has been rendered. One copy of the appeal to be served on the body that imposes sentence, notifying them at the same time that appeal has been taken. The body receiving such notice must file its answer within 15 days, or case will be declared against it by default.



ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR DISTRICT ALLIANCES.

1. Called to order.
2. Election of chairman and vice-chairman.
NOTE.—Omit this when officers are elected for a term.
3. Roll call of officers and delegates.
4. Reading of credentials and admission of delegates.
5. Reading of minutes of last session.
6. Reports of officers.
7. Communications and bills.
8. Reports of committees.
9. Unfinished business.
10. Roll call of Locals.
11. New business.
12. Adjournment.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR LOCAL ALLIANCES

1. Election of Presiding Officers.
NOTE.—Omit this when officers are elected for a term.
2. Roll Call.
3. Reading of Minutes.
4. Propositions for Membership.
5. Payment of Dues.
6. Admission and Obligation of Members.
7. Correspondence and Bills.
8. Reports of Committees.
9. Reports of Officers.
10. Election and Obligation of Officers and Committees.
11. Official organ.
12. Unfinished Business.
13. New Business.
14. The Labor Question.
15. Receipts and Expenditures.

LOCAL ALLIANCES.

Article XIII.—MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS.

§ 1. Local Alliances shall be composed of not less than seven members. At least three-fourths of the members must be wage workers.

§ 2. A candidate for membership must be proposed by a member of the Socialist Trade and Labor Alliance in good standing, on the triplicate proposition blanks issued by the General Executive Board accompanied by the regular fee. One copy of application to be kept on file in the Local, one to be sent to the District Organizer and one to the General Secretary for record.

§ 3. The candidate shall, at the time of initiation, have read to him by the presiding officer the declaration of principles and objects of the Socialist Trade and Labor Alliance and a statement prepared for the purpose by the General Executive Board, and shall signify by his signature his approval thereof, and that he will obey the Constitution, rules and regulations of the Socialist Trade and Labor Alliance.

§ 4. Local Alliances shall issue to each member a membership card of the Socialist Trade and Labor Alliance, and shall receipt for all dues to the Socialist Trade and Labor Alliance by affixing stamps to such cards, such cards and stamps to be supplied by the General Executive Board, as hereinbefore provided.

§ 5. Any member who ceases work at or for his trade, shall within thirty days resign or take a transfer card to either a mixed Local Alliance, or if he shall secure employment in

another trade organized under the Socialist Trade and Labor Alliance, to the Local Alliance of his new trade.

§ 6. Every member shall be required to belong to the Local Alliance of his craft, if such is in existence in the place where such member resides.

§ 7. No person shall be allowed to belong to more than one Trade Local Alliance.

§ 8. Any applicant for admission to a Local Alliance who has been a member of a lapsed Local or a Local whose charter has been revoked, and who has failed to take a withdrawal card, must pay all back dues to the Local he or she applies for membership; said Local shall forward application and money to the District Alliance if attached to any, and if not to the General Executive Board, and if there be no objection a special transfer card shall be issued.

§ 8. Local Alliances shall meet at least once a month.

Article XIV—OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES.

§ 4. Local Alliances shall elect the following officers and committees: An organizer, a Recording Secretary, a Financial Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Sergeant-at-Arms, and Auditing, and Agitation Committees, also such other officers and committees that they may deem necessary.

§ 15. The duties of the officers of Local Alliances shall correspond respectively with the duties of the officers of the District Alliance.

Article XV—MEMBERSHIP DUES.

§ 1. The regular dues of the members shall be fixed by the Local Alliance.

§ 2. Any member failing to pay his dues for the space of three months shall be suspended from all rights of membership, unless the dues are remitted by a vote of the Local Alliance. Any Local Alliance may, however, provide by by-law for a shorter period of arrearage and suspension, subject to the approval of the General Executive Board.

TRANSFER CARD.

§ 3. Local Alliances shall issue transfer cards to their members, to be furnished by the General Executive Board, which must be recognized by sister Alliances of the same craft or mixed Alliances.

ADDRESS OF OFFICERS.

§ 4. Local Alliances shall furnish the General Executive Board the names and addresses of their officers, keep it informed of changes, and wherever possible, maintain a permanent postal address.

OFFICIAL ORGAN.

§ 5. Each Local Alliance shall be required to subscribe for and keep on file a copy of the official organ of the Socialist Trade and Labor Alliance.

§ 6. Each Local Alliance shall elect a committee of three to be known as the Official Organ Committee, whose duties shall be to solicit subscriptions and conduct agitation to build up the circulation of the official organ. Said Committee, shall make monthly reports to the Local and the General Executive Board. Each Local Alliance shall furnish the Official Organ of the Socialist Trade and Labor Alliance for six months to each new member, other than charter members, provided the initiation fee shall be sufficient to cover the cost of same.

EMBLEM.

§ 7. Each Local Alliance shall exhibit on the outer door of its meeting room the emblem of the Socialist Trade and Labor Alliance, viz., the uplifted arm, holding a hammer, such emblem to be supplied by the General Executive Board.

MEMBERS AT LARGE.

§ 8. Persons desiring to join the Socialist Trade and Labor Alliance, who reside in a locality where a Local Alliance cannot be formed, may be admitted as members-at-large by the General Executive Board, on payment of \$1.00 per year, and a copy of one of the official journals of the Socialist Trade and Labor Alliance shall be furnished to such members at the expense of the General Executive Board. Special membership cards shall be issued for such purpose.

LOCAL BY-LAWS.

§ 9. Local Alliances may provide such rules and by-laws as may be necessary for the management of their affairs, provided such do not conflict with this Constitution.

LABELS.

§ 10. The Label of the Socialist Trade and Labor Alliance shall consist of a design of the uplifted arm and hammer and the initials S. T. & L. A., and shall be red in color wherever possible. The Label shall be under the control of the General Executive Board.

§ 11. All rules and regulations in conflict with this Constitution are hereby repealed.

PRICE LIST OF SUPPLIES.

District Charters.....	\$5.00
Local Charters.....	3 00
Emblem, Arm & Hammer10
Constitutions, each.....	.05
Transfer Cards, each05
Rubber Seals, each.....	1.00
Iron Press Seals, each	3.75
Draft Books (100 pages), each.....	.25
Receipt Books (100 pages), each..	.25
Ledgers (200 pages), each.....	1.50
Minute Books (200 pages), each	1.00
Cash Books, each50
Due Books, per Hundred.....	2.00
Buttons, per dozen.....	.50
Delinquent Notices, per hundred50
Membership Proposition Blanks, per hundred...	.75
Manifestoes, per thousand.....	1.50
Envelopes, per thousand.....	2.50
Letter Heads, per thousand	3.00

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